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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Apple Valley – Deputies Find Illegal Marijuana While Investigating Crash
(U) Authorities made the discovery while investigating a pickup truck that had crashed into a home. San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, while looking for any possible casualties from the collision, found more than 900 marijuana plants at varying stages of cultivation inside the residence. No one was inside the residence when deputies arrived to investigate the crash. Information on any suspects or arrests was not immediately disclosed. It was unknown how many occupants were in the vehicle.
SOURCE: 7 May 2018, Associated Press

(U) Chula Vista – Teen Charged with Recruiting Classmates for Drug Smuggling Operation
(U) Phillip Junior Webb, 18, was arraigned yesterday at the US District Court for the Southern District of California in San Diego on federal charges of human smuggling and conspiracy to distribute illicit narcotics. He is also charged with trying to cross the US-Mexico border with illegal immigrants hidden in his trunk, according to charging documents. The migrants had no legal status in the US, the documents said. Police also said Webb paid at least five classmates there to smuggle fentanyl and methamphetamine into the country from Mexico last year.
SOURCE: 8 May 2018, ABC News

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Bailiff Facing Cocaine Conspiracy Charges
(U) McAllen – A Hidalgo County at Law bailiff arrested by federal agents on charges he played a role in a conspiracy to move more than five kilos of cocaine. Oscar De La Cruz appeared before US Magistrate Judge J. Scott Hacker as the judge read out a complaint alleging De La Cruz provided false documents to at least one confidential source to facilitate the movement of cocaine. Judge Hacker, who remanded the bailiff into temporary custody, set De La Cruz's detention hearing for this.
SOURCE: 7 May 2018, The Monitor

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Pennsylvania – Bomb Threat Shuts Down Courthouse
(U) Wilkes-Barre – The Luzerne County Courthouse was evacuated yesterday morning after reports of a bomb threat. Police responded to the courthouse to investigate a bomb threat shutting down the courthouse, the courthouse annex, and nearby buildings for the day. It took investigators five hours to clear the building. Four bomb dogs swept the buildings to make sure they were safe. The courthouse will reopen today. The Luzerne County district attorney's office is investigating.
SOURCE: 7 May 2018, WNEP

(U) Virginia – 17-Year-Old Arrested After Bomb Threat Made Toward Schools
(U) Accomack County – Law enforcement arrested a 17-year-old after the suspect allegedly made a

bomb threat toward Nandua Middle School, Nandua High School and Accawkmacke Elementary School, in Accomack County. The teen has been charged with one count of threat to bomb or burn a building and is being held at the Norfolk Detention Center without bond.
SOURCE: 7 May 2018, WTRK

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Indonesia – Police Arrest Three Suspected of Planning Attacks
(U) Jakarta – Indonesia's counter-terrorism squad has arrested three extremists accused of plotting bomb attacks against police using high-explosive materials. The suspects, including a 17-year-old student, were arrested in West Java's Bogor district where they had planned an attack against a police brigade headquarters and a suicide bombing at a police station, a National Police representative said. The suspects, identified as Anang Rachman, Muhammad Mulyadi and Abid Faqihuddin, also planned to hack police to death at a nearby traffic post.
SOURCE: 7 May 2018, Associated Press

(U) Kenya – Nine Soldiers Killed in Attack
(U) Nairobi – Kenya's president says nine Kenyan soldiers were killed when extremists attacked their patrol car during an attack in neighboring Somalia. Al-Shabab claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it had killed and wounded 15 soldiers, according to the SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors extremist groups. Kenyan troops are part of an African Union force bolstering Somalia's weak government against an insurgency by the Somalia-based extremist group al-Shabab. Al-Shabab has carried out numerous attacks on Kenya since October 2011, saying it is retribution for Kenya sending troops to fight the militants in Somalia.
SOURCE: 7 May 2018, Associated Press

(U) Nigeria – 1,000 Boko Haram Captives Freed
(U) Lagos – The Nigerian army said yesterday it had rescued more than 1,000 Boko Haram captives in northeastern Nigeria. The hostages consisted mainly of women and children, as well as some young men who had been forced to become Boko Haram fighters. The operation, which was conducted in conjunction with Cameroonian and Nigerian troops of the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF), rescued the hostages from Malamkari, Amchaka, Walasa and Gora villages of the Bama Local Government Area.
SOURCE: 8 May 2018, CNN

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